

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 329
By Tidwell

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Brent Littrell and the 1996-1997 Collinwood High School girls' basketball team on reaching the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A State Tournament Final Four.

WHEREAS, with exceptional skill, tremendous fortitude, the ability to overcome pressure, a potent offense and stingy defense, the much touted 1996-1997 Collinwood High School girls' basketball team has added new laurels to their list of significant athletic accomplishments by finishing in the elite Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A State Tournament Final Four; and

WHEREAS, despite rigorous competition, Collinwood won the coveted Region 6-A Tournament, beating Sante Fe 53-48, Columbia Academy 56-46, and Hampshire 64-60; and

WHEREAS, in the crucial substate game, the Trojanettes did battle with Cornersville and defeated the tenacious Bulldogs 73-70 in a hard-fought battle for the right to play in the prestigious State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, in the first round of the State Tournament, Collinwood bested tough Grace Baptist Academy 55-49; and

WHEREAS, Coach Brent Littrell and Assistant Coach Bart Littrell have expertly taught the team's members the important attribute of winning and losing with equal grace; and

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WHEREAS, the team leaders were sensational senior forward Kodi Nelson, an All-State Tournament, and All-Region 6-A Tournament honoree; sophomore center Terrah Melson, an All-Region 6-A Tournament choice and freshman guard Jocelyn Daniel, an All-Region 6-A Tournament selection; and

WHEREAS, each of the other members of this memorable squad made numerous contributions to its success. They were: juniors, guard Shelaine Thompson, forward Keysha Jones, and forward Amy Stricklin; sophomores, center Angie Hensley, forward Heather Sanderson, and guard Angie Overstreet; and freshman guard forward Ashley Thompson; and

WHEREAS, Principal Herb Luker has strongly supported the squad; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated managers were Alana Benson, Anna Lange, Laura Skillern, and Cana Todd; and

WHEREAS, under the adroit sponsorship of Christie Littrell, the enthusiastic cheerleaders were: Captains Mindy Beckham and Cheryl Skaggs, Kristy Wright, Tabitha White, Maranda Davis, Jenny Robertson, Miranda Martin, Michelle Smith, Misty Robertson, Tabitha Robbins, Mindy Hanback, and Jessica Gobbell; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to specially recognize the Collinwood Trojanettes who at the most critical point in the season “came on strong”; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Brent Littrell and the 1996-1997 Collinwood High School girls’ basketball team, who played like seasoned veterans despite their relative youth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and each person named above, with this final clause omitted from said copies.